



## FACTS ABOUT

# Changes to California's Commercial Vehicle Idling Regulation

Idling diesel trucks and buses create toxic air pollution, contribute to global warming, and waste costly fuel – and in some cases, the operator may be breaking the law.

Find out how you can help keep emissions in check so we can all breathe easier.

### **Which vehicles are covered?**

Heavy-duty diesel vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,000 lbs. or heavier.

### **How long can I idle?**

Idling for more than 5 minutes is prohibited within California's borders (exceptions apply). While at a school, the driver must shut down the engine immediately upon arrival and leave within 30 seconds of starting the engine. For more information on idling limits at schools, see the [School Bus Idling factsheet](#).

### **What must you do if cited by an ARB representative?**

Provide the following:

- Driver's license
- Vehicle registration
- Motor carrier information (Motor carriers must provide their drivers with motor carrier information.)

### **What are the fines?**

Vehicle owners and drivers may receive fines, starting at \$300 and can be as much as \$1000 per day. Vehicle owners can now be responsible for citations issued to drivers of their vehicles.

### **Are there situations where idling is allowed?**

Yes. Idling is allowed in the following situations:

- You are stuck in traffic
- When idling is necessary to inspect or service your vehicle
- You are operating a power take-off device
- You cannot move due to adverse weather conditions or mechanical failure
- A bus with passengers on board or idling for up to 10 minutes prior to passengers boarding.
- You are queuing (must be beyond 100 feet from any restricted area)
- Your truck's engine meets the optional low-NOx idling emission standard, and your truck is located more than 100 feet from any restricted areas (clean-idle label required). Restricted areas include: housing units, schools, hotels, motels, hospitals, senior care facilities or child care facilities.

See [www.arb.ca.gov/noidle](http://www.arb.ca.gov/noidle) for a complete list of exemptions.

### **If I can't idle, what can I do about cab comfort?**

Listed below are some available idle reduction technologies:

- Battery-powered auxiliary power systems
- Fuel-fired heaters (restrictions apply; see [www.arb.ca.gov/noidle](http://www.arb.ca.gov/noidle))
- Diesel-fueled auxiliary power systems (restrictions apply; see [www.arb.ca.gov/noidle](http://www.arb.ca.gov/noidle))
- Truck stop hookups that provide heat, cooling, electricity and other services throughout California

Visit [www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/cabcomfort/cabcomfort.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/cabcomfort/cabcomfort.htm) for further details on these and other idle-reduction technologies.

### **What restrictions apply to idle-reduction technologies?**

- You may not operate a diesel-fueled auxiliary power system for more than 5 minutes when you are within 100 feet of any restricted areas.
- Diesel-fueled auxiliary power systems (APS) on trucks with 2007 or newer model year engines must meet additional requirements (verified clean APS label required)
- Fuel-fired heaters must meet certain emission standards

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### **If I see a truck illegally idling, what should I do?**

Call us at 1-800-END-SMOG or email [helpline@arb.ca.gov](mailto:helpline@arb.ca.gov) with the following information:

- Date and time you saw the violation
- Location (cross streets or address, and city) of the incident
- License plate number from the front of the truck, including state
- DOT, MC and MX number from side of door
- Company name and any identifying marks on the truck
- Details about the observed idling violation

Your calls or email will be kept anonymous, if requested.

### **Where can I get more information?**

- [www.arb.ca.gov/noidle](http://www.arb.ca.gov/noidle)
- 1-800-242-4450 or 916-322-7061